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followed by a coating of elastic collodion, would be of great benefit. When the epidermis is intact or well protected by elastic collodion, physicians handle the most virulent liquids without fear and without accidents. It is well known that animals in which the mucous membrane is intact can pasture with perfect immunity for a long time in fields infected with anthrax, but if some thistles or thorny plants are sown in the field the animals are quickly destroyed by the scourge. The factories wherein the horsehair is manipulated, despite the dangers to which workmen are exposed, are not classed among dangerous establishments nor as being unhealthy or uncomfortable. Their classification among such establishments would be desirable, since it would constitute a protection for the workmen. The authorization to open an establishment would be subordinate to its good installation, protective measures would be indicated, and the responsibilities of the manufacturers being more completely understood, they would exercise more care in the protection of the workmen.

JOSEPH I. BRITTAIN,  
*United States Consul at Nantes.*

*Precautions against tuberculosis.*

[Communicated by the United States consul at Roubaix.]

In the interest of public health, the sixth commission of the municipal council of Paris decided, on March 6, that enameled signs bearing the following inscription, "War on tuberculosis. Please do not spit on the sidewalks," should be fitted to the walls of Paris.

All omnibuses in Paris already have printed cards requiring passengers not to spit on the floor.

Respectfully,

W. P. ATWELL,  
*United States Consul.*

The SURGEON-GENERAL,  
*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.*

GERMANY.

*Report from Bremen.*

BREMEN, GERMANY, May 7, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to report that 1,799 emigrants sailed from this port during the past week, and that 9 were detained as being physically disqualified under the immigration laws. The causes for rejection were as follows: Trachoma, 1; scabies, 3; fever of unknown cause, 2; keratitis, 1; conjunctivitis, chronic, 1; deformed lower jaw and harelip, 1.

The last weekly health report from Bremen shows 8 cases of scarlet fever and 2 of typhoid fever. The death rate was 18 per thousand.

Respectfully,

JOSEPH B. GREENE,  
*Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.*

The SURGEON-GENERAL,  
*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.*

*Report from Hamburg.*

HAMBURG, GERMANY, May 7, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to report for the week ended May 5, 1900:

The steamship *Graf Waldersee*, of the Hamburg-American Line, sailed Sunday, April 29, carrying 1,520 steerage passengers. The express